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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, FR, MCAP

SUBJECT: INITIAL GOF CONCLUSIONS ON MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF ME  
CONFLICT

1. QUAI SOURCES TELL US THAT ONE OF THE CONCLUSIONS THEY HAVE  
DRAWN FROM THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT--A CONCLUSION SHARED BY  
FRENCH PERM REP DE ROSE--IS THAT IT IS TERRIBLY EXPENSIVE IN TERMS  
OF MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT TO ENGAGE IN A SUSTAINED CONVENTIONAL WAR.  
FRENCH ARMED FORCES MINISTER GALLEY MADE THE SAME POINT BEFORE  
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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON THE GOF DEFENSE BUDGET

NOVEMBER 8. GALLEY ESTIMATED THAT 3-4,000 TANKS WERE  
DESTROYED IN RECENT MIDDLE EAST FIGHTING, ADDING THAT FRANCE  
ITSELF CAN ONLY PRODUCE 200-300 LATE MODEL TANKS A YEAR.

2. NOT SURPRISINGLY, BOTH GALLEY AND OUR QUAI SOURCES REACH  
THE SAME VERDICT: BASED ON THE SHEER EXPENSE OF CASUALTIES AND OF  
CONSUMABLE  
EQUIPMENT INVOLVED, IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE A CONVENTIONAL  
WAR OF LONG DURATION IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER.  
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